

Dear LLIS.gov Member,

I'm pleased to announce the launch of the new and improved *LLIS.gov*. The new *LLIS.gov* reflects more than two years of feedback gathered through surveys, focus groups, interviews, and the e-mails and suggestions of our member community. The result is a system that dramatically improves your ability to both access and share valuable information on all aspects of emergency response and homeland security.

Key new features of LLIS.gov include:

- **Redesigned Homepage.** The *LLIS.gov* homepage has been overhauled and redesigned to "push" more information directly to users in fewer clicks. A new "Recent Incidents" box highlights the latest news in homeland security and links it directly to related *LLIS.gov* content. An interactive, clickable map enables users to view both *LLIS.gov* members and documents by state.
- **Dynamic Library.** The new *LLIS.gov* lets you access the information you want, the way you want. An enhanced, more powerful search engine combines full-text searching with sophisticated sorting and filtering tools to quickly and easily refine your search results and find the documents you need. Members can also browse LLIS.gov's library of over 6,000 documents in multiple ways: by topic, discipline, publisher, incident, or content type, without having to "drill-down" through several pages to get where they want to go.
- Topic-Specific Resource Centers. A system of topic-specific pages serve as "one-stop shops" for information on a broad spectrum of emergency response and homeland security topics. From mass evacuation to pandemic influenza to community preparedness to training and exercises, *LLIS.gov* has created pages to house a wealth of related Best Practices, Lessons Learned, plans, reports, key guidelines, and other documents, with tools to foster collaboration and information sharing on each subject.
- **User-friendly Design.** *LLIS.gov's* improved look-and-feel and less "text-heavy" pages make it easier to navigate the system. Pop-up windows have been added to the homepage, which allow users to quickly view document abstracts. New graphics, logos, and an interactive map make searching through *LLIS.gov* a more engaging and dynamic experience.
- **LLIS Dispatch.** The latest *LLIS.gov* content can now be delivered directly to your inbox through the new *LLIS Dispatch* feature. *LLIS.gov* members can create a personalized newsletter that will update them on the newly published documents on *LLIS.gov* that relate to their specific topics of interest. After signing-up, users will automatically receive their *Dispatch* every two weeks. They can adjust their preferences at any time through the *Settings* tab located on the top navigation bar on the *LLIS.gov* homepage. Members can also sign-up for *LLIS Dispatch* now by <u>clicking here</u>.

We encourage you to login to <a href="https://www.llis.gov/">https://www.llis.gov/</a>, try out the new system, and send your thoughts, questions, concerns, and suggestions to <a href="mailto:feedback@llis.dhs.gov">feedback@llis.dhs.gov</a>. We will continually be modifying and improving the system, and your feedback is essential to ensuring that <a href="mailto:LLIS.gov">LLIS.gov</a> meets the needs and interests of its members.

Sincerely,

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